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"Land may it waive o'er the land
of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

OFFICERS CAMPS

In the absence of action by con-
gress, the officers' training camps
which will be opened on May 8th, are
the only resources available. Through
them it is hoped to obtain the of-
ficers necessary for the organization
and the training of the first army of
half a million which may some time
be raised.

Thus the military training camps
have quickly become the backbone of
America's new first line of defense. In
1917 the training camp was two in-
conspicuous. It was at the least an in-
creasing variety of vacation expedi-
tion. In 1917 it will be one of the
most important mobilization devices
for the nation. In the middle western
department alone four large camps
are in process.

Admirable and essential as the en-
campments are and have been, they
reveal the inevitable weakness of the
volunteer system because if we had
had universal training, we would
have now, instead of the comparative-
ly few graduates of our camps to de-
pend on our first line of defense, thou-
sands of officers ready to handle our
first million soldiers, instead of being
compelled, as we are now, with the
aid of the Military Training Camps
association to quickly rush selected
men by the thousands to the training
camps and give them three months
training before we begin to be equip-
ped for the emergency which is up-
on us.

The rush of work at the headquar-
ters of the Military Training Camps
association, 102 Federal Building,
Chicago, is a sight worth seeing.
This association, it will be remem-
bered, is, by request of the war de-
partment co-operating in the closest
possible manner with General Thos.
B. Easley, commander of the central
department, in securing the proper
men as candidates for examination for
entrance to the training camps for
the officers reserve corps. The
work of going over the applications,
seeing that they are properly made
out, and scrutinizing carefully the
qualifications of the applicants to de-
termine whether or not they are
worthy of being sent before one of
the eighty examining boards, is a
stipendous task coming in the great
mass that it does in so short a time
before the opening of the camps. In
fact, the task has become so large
that it became utterly impossible to
take care of the work with the forces
in hand and an appeal was made to
the commercial houses of Chicago to
come to the assistance of the associa-
tion in handling it. The response
was so generous from the business
men that the extra help has been ar-
ranged in relays for continuous work
until the camps are opened. The ar-
rangement is in the following man-
ner: Four people to a squad, two
squads to a platoon, two platoons to
a company, and five companies to a
detachment, making eighty people work-
ing in one relay in getting the work
done.

Once more the Military Training
Camps association is justified not
only in providing men with some mil-
itary experience but also in relieving
the war department of much effort
in organizing and prosecuting the re-
cruiting.

THE HOME CAMPAIGN

Alma has been doing a fine work of
late in the erection of homes for her
warriors, but hundreds more are
needed, and if Alma is not up and do-
ing many of them will be constructed
in our sister city of St. Louis, and the
merchants of St. Louis will get the
benefit of the trade to be derived
from their residence there.

A large number of St. Louis busi-
ness men were in Alma the first of
the week and when assured by the
Republic Motor Truck company that
there would be no discrimination
against workmen who lived in St.
Louis, they prepared to return home
and start a home building campaign.
The Republic Motor Truck compa-
ny needs hundreds of homes right
now for its employees, and needs
them badly. It must take them where
they get them, and St. Louis will aid
in the work of housing them.

Alma, however, should build more
homes than she is building. In fact
she ought need to strain to the limit
to take care of the workmen who are
needed both here and in St. Louis, but
particularly here.

When the Republic gets through
building this year it will have several
hundred more workmen on its force.
The plant of Libby, McNeil & Libby

is certain to need a number of men
when its plant is doubled this sum-
mer. The carburetor plant will soon
be in operation and it will need a
hundred men. The power plant of the
Central Michigan Light & Power
company will soon be built and
while not employing many men here
will aid in the demand for houses.
Other industries which the board of
trade has in sight will also aid in
creating a great demand.

Fifteen hundred houses this year
will not be too many for the two
cities to build. They have not enough
houses now to keep pace with the de-
mand, and both must step lively if
the demand is to be met.

There seems to be but little ques-
tion but what in the course of the
next few years that the two cities
will have joined each other, so it will
matter little how much St. Louis
builds, except that Alma wants to be
enterprising enough to do more than
her sister city, just to the east of the
city limits of Alma.

CARE IS NEEDED

The two near fatalities within a
week, due to the carelessness of
young men in chasing across the
streets, jumping from wagons, etc.,
without looking to see what might be
coming down the street, while de-
plorable in the extreme, furnish les-
sons, which the youngsters of this
city would do well to heed.

It would also be well for the par-
ents in Alma to impress upon the
minds of their children that the great
amount of traffic on the streets of Alma
makes them liable to injury unless
they use caution, when crossing
streets, without looking to see if au-
tomobiles are coming.

School teachers also could aid in
impressing upon the youthful minds
the need of caution in crossing streets
and the dangers which may come
from playing in the streets, where so
many automobiles are constantly driv-
ing one way or the other.

The Alma Record would also call
attention of the city officials to the
fact that a few drivers around Alma
have a slight hankering to "speed 'em
up" once they get outside of the busi-
ness section of the city. It so hap-
pens that once in a while one of these
is found to be a careless driver.

By this, the Record does not mean
to say that these accidents were caused
by speeding or carelessness on the
part of the drivers in the two cases.
As near as the Record has been able
to ascertain, the drivers in both cases
were blameless.

The only thing is, "How about the
future?"

THE BOND ISSUE

The estimated size of the proposed
bond issue, or the size of the bond
issue which may be submitted to the
citizens of the city of Alma by the
city council shortly need not cause
any great consternation, because it
may run as high as three hundred
thousand dollars.

The people of Alma should realize
that Alma has been growing so rapidly
that ordinary means have allow-
ed the city to grow away from the
things that are needed, with the ex-
pectation of course that these things
would come. They must come, or Alma
will cease its building and its
great progress which bids fair to
make Alma the largest city in cen-
tral Michigan will be stopped, while
still in its infancy.

Alma must have the improvements
which the council will ask for or the
city cannot hope to continue its
growth. It must have them some-
time, whether or not it grows more.
The houses already here must be sup-
plied and our streets must be fixed
up. The one question would seem to
be as to whether it would be cheap-
er to do the work piecemeal or have
it all done at one time.

By bonding Alma can enjoy the im-
provements while paying for them,
and will have more people building
in Alma and hence more tax payers
to all in taking of the debt which
will be gradually paid, and which the
future generation will finish paying.
Give the proposition deep thought.

SEVILLE CENTER

The infant child of Frank French
very ill at this writing.
Charles Covell called on Claude
Whitford Sunday.

Mrs. George LaPaugh called on
her brother, Lew Boyer, Monday
evening.

A Crittendon and Bert Campbell
and John Carl made a business trip
to Alma Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Anderson and
family have gone to Cadillac to visit
Mr. Anderson's parents. They expect
to be gone two weeks.

Boy Carl of Alma was home over
Sunday.

Ault Carl and Ed. Jerome called
on John Carl's Sunday evening.

Mrs. Claude Whitford called on her
parents Monday evening.

Mrs. John Carl and Bertha Pepple
called on Mrs. Rodney Anderson Mon-
day.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE A
NECESSITY

The danger by fire, theft and dam-
age claims against the owners of an
automobile makes it necessary to car-
ry automobile insurance to cover
these hazards. The man with a busi-
ness intellect will not be bamboozled
by insuring in the small company,
but will insure in the original com-
pany, the Citizens' Mutual Auto-
mobile company of Howell, with a mem-
bership of 19,000 and assets of \$65,000,
which cost only 25 cents per horse
power and \$1.00 policy fee, and gives
you protection up to \$5,000. Remem-
ber, we were the ones who had the
law passed that made it possible for
mutual auto insurance, and the com-
pany who is prepared to take care of
all damage claims, having paid over
200 claims.

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They reach the people and they are
cheap. Our readers look for them.
Alma Record want ads.

A KISS BY
MISTAKE

By WILLIAM CHANDLER

Ned Bartholow and his fiancée,
Sarah Stevens, were on a railway train
entering the city of New York. They
were to be married in a month, and
Ned having business in the metropolis,
Sarah had decided to go down with
him and spend a few days there on the
matter of her trousseau.

Shortly before reaching the Tremu-
en the train ran into a tunnel. It was a
short tunnel, and no lights were lit.
Most of the passengers, thinking that
they were rolling into the station,
arose from their seats and crowded
into the aisle. Ned and Sarah among
the number. When Ned perceived that
the train was in the dark he conclud-
ed to take a kiss. Drawing Sarah to-
ward him, he pressed his lips upon
hers.

Sarah, to his astonishment, broke
away from him, at the same time ut-
tering a cry. The train shot out into
the light and revealed to Ned a young
woman looking at him indignantly.
Sarah was standing a yard away from
her fiancée.

The young woman who had been
kissed, seeing the astonished expres-
sion on Ned's face, broke into a smile.
Ned was in a dilemma. He couldn't
apologize without saying that he had
kissed the wrong woman. So he said
nothing. The smile on the girl's face
changed to a frown. Sarah, not un-
derstanding what had happened, look-
ed curious.

The train stopped in the station, and
the passengers poured out on to the
platform. The kissed woman alighted
before Ned and Sarah, and Ned kept an
eye on her as she walked out of the
station a dozen yards ahead of him.
When she reached the sidewalk she en-
tered a taxi. Ned made a mental note
of its number.

Fate has so many persons' affairs in
its hands that it starts things, that
leaves the persons themselves to work
out the problem, though fate will take
a hand at any time in any of the mil-
lions of life's real stories. Ned Bar-
tholow felt that he owed the lady he
had kissed by mistake an apology. Since
he could not well have made one in the
presence of Sarah it occurred to him
that possibly he might do so when Sarah
was not present. At any rate, he fixed
in memory the number of the taxicab
in which the lady had been driven
away and as soon as he had disposed
of Sarah went to the cab company's of-
fice, asked that the number be called
in and when the cab came paid the
cabman a dollar to tell him where he
had driven the lady.

Another strange thing is that we do
things for one reason thinking that we
are doing them for another. Ned could
have let the matter drop, or he might
have sent a brief explanation by mail
—that is, after getting the lady's name.
He did neither. He called at the ad-
dress the cabman gave him that very
evening and asked for the lady who
had arrived during the afternoon on a
train.

The truth is that all this part of the
story might as well be condensed into a
few words. That kiss in the dark was
a feast for a god, and he wanted another
one from the same lips. He could
kiss his fingers all he liked. Possibly
that entered into his reasons for wish-
ing to kiss another woman whom he
had no right to kiss.

The lady opened the door wonder-
ingly and, seeing the man who had
kissed her, blushed. That was the most
unfortunate thing she could have done.
It doubled Ned's desire to kiss her
again.

"I have taken the liberty to come
without permission," he said, "to make
an explanation."

The lady dropped her eyes to the
floor and waited. Ned had intended
to tell her that he was engaged to the
lady who had stood near him on the
train and to confess that the kiss had
been intended for her. But how could
he hope for a duplicate kiss after mak-
ing such an apology? The scamp
changed his tactics, ensuring instead
on a tissue of lies.

"I had noticed you," he said, "sitting
in the car not far from me. You will
forgive me, won't you?"

"Pardon," said the girl.

"How could I help admiring one to
whom admiration is due? Your liquid
eyes, your glossy hair, your—"

"What?"

"Your lips. They took me up like a
cherry and made me dizzy. I
know not what I did."

He paused. The lady's eyes were
still fixed on the rug on which she
stood.

"Do not stir me by saying that I
am not forgotten."

"There was no reply."

"Does this silence mean that I am
to be treated as I deserve?"

He made a step toward her. She
did not move.

"Have you a reply?"

"Still silence."

He turned and went to the door,
where he paused and looked back.
She stood as if waiting for something.
He returned to her and for the second
time pressed his lips on hers.

There was a reason for the breaking
of the engagement between Ned Bar-
tholow and Sarah Stevens. He said
it was financial losses. The real reason
was that the train on which he and
Sarah entered the city ran through a
two mile tunnel.

At any rate, this is the fatalist's rea-
son.

CONSTIPATION MAKES YOU
DULL

That sluggish, listless, oppressed
feeling generally results from constipa-
tion. The intestines are clogged
and the blood becomes poisoned. Re-
lieve this condition at once with Dr.
King's New Life Pills; this gentle,
non-gripping laxative is quickly effec-
tive. A dose at bedtime will make
you feel brighter in the morning. Get
a bottle today at your druggist, 25
cents.—Adv. 3.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

The Large and Puzzling Part "Man
Failure" Plays In Them.

Close observers are not astounded by
the statement made at a "safety" meet-
ing that 10 per cent only of industrial
accidents are due to machine failures,
the remaining 90 per cent being wholly
chargeable to "man failure."

Students, however, will not be satis-
fied with the simple statement, "I will
want to know something more, espe-
cially as to conditions that contribute to
this apparently large percentage charge
directly to man's share in the fault."

It will not do to say that in each in-
stance caution and common sense is blame-
able. Psychologists are no longer con-
tent with that explanation, but are go-
ing deeper into the causation of acci-
dents, seeking to determine just why
the normal mental processes at times
break and the interrupted co-ordination
between brain and body ends in disas-
ter.

In the matter of interpreting railway
signals, for example, it has been set up
that registered impressions vary as to
individuals and that likewise individ-
uals react in different ways to the im-
pressions given.

Emergencies invariably arise in the
operations of modern industry similar
to those in the transportation service,
and, while the safety device may work
with mechanical accuracy, the human
factor cannot be depended upon.—
Omaha Bee

FRUIT AS A FOOD.

Only Figs, Dates and Maybe Bananas
Are Really Nutritious.

"Fruit of all kinds, when mature and
fresh, is beneficial for healthful diges-
tion, good quality of blood and as a
preventive of clogging of the liver, kid-
neys and skin and, last but not least,
the brain."

"It is a mistake, however," writes
W. Howard James, M. D., in Good
Health, "to look on fruit as a source of
nourishment. It should not be taken
with that idea. It should be looked on
more as the lubricator which makes
the machinery work harmoniously and
without destructive friction."

"Some fruits may certainly be rank-
ed as food, such as figs, dates and per-
haps bananas. These in the tropics,
who live largely on the banana, we are
told, develop considerable abdominal
distention on account of the quantity
taken. With the exception of the date
and the fig, fruit should never be con-
sidered as a food."

"The taking of fruit often does good
by lessening the amount of food taken.
We are a generation of dyspeptics on
account of excess of food, insufficient
oxidation and lack of proper supply of
fruit and pure water."

Codfish Will Eat Anything.

The cod has the reputation of being
an omnivorous as the goat, whose ap-
petite for posters and old tin cans is
the subject of frequent jests. The vari-
ous nature of what the cod swallows
is not more remarkable than the enorm-
ous quantity. According to a writer
in the Scotsman, such articles as sil-
ver brooches, glass knives, books and
rubber balls have been found in its
stomach. One specimen of Aberdeen
has a stone that weighs more than a
pound taken from a cod that had swal-
lowed it for the sea men's amusement
with which it was covered. The same fish
ermat has also found specimens of al-
most all the staid cod specimens that
frequent the northeast coast of
Scotland and of every kind of fish that
a cod can master, including its own
young. Cod have been known to swal-
low partridges, gulls and hares.

Stomach Agonies
DUE TO POISON

One Dose of Remedy Sweeps Pain
Away—Hundreds of Thousands
Restored.

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like any other. It sweeps the Blue
and Poisonous Catarrhal Accretions
from the System. Soothes and allays
inflammation in the Intestinal Tract—
the cause of serious and fatal ail-
ments, such as Gall Stones, Appendi-
citis, Acute Indigestion, Cancer and
Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines,
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Chicago. Better yet, obtain a bottle
of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy from
Chas. E. Morphy or any reliable drug-
gist, who will refund your money if it
fails.

First Lady crowding a newspaper—
This golf seems to be a very danger-
ous game. Did you see what hap-
pened to a man named Taylor? He went
into a bunker and was in two when
he came out.

Second Lady—How dreadful!

"Yes, here are the words. 'Taylor
getting out in two; Brad secured a
huff.'"

"Well, Tommy?"

"Does it say what happened to the
other half?"

"No, but there was worse to follow.
According to the report, Taylor then
fell completely to pieces."—Exchange.

Altering the Map Without War.

In a world where nations grow
and decay, where forces change and popu-
lations become cramped, it is not pos-
sible or desirable to maintain the statu-
quo forever. If peace is to be pre-
served, nations must learn to accept
unfavorable alterations of the map
without feeling that they must first
be defeated in war or that in yielding
they incur a humiliation.—Bertrand
Russell in Atlantic Monthly.

No Discrimination

"I'm afraid father-in-law doesn't care
much about me," said the young man.
"He finds fault with most everything
I do."

"Nonsense!" replied his wife. "You
don't know his ways. He is treating
you just like one of the family."—Ex-
change.

Ear of the Whale

The orifice of the whale's ear is
scarcely perceptible, yet it is said that
the whale's hearing is so acute that a
ship crossing its track half a mile dis-
tant will cause it to dive instantly.

True

Professor—Now, what was the cause
of the decline of the Roman empire?
Bright Student—I know. It was due
to too much militarism on the part of
outsiders.

Believe me, it is prudence that first
forsakes the wretched.—Ovid

CLEAR YOUR SKIN IN SPRING

Spring house cleaning means clean-
ing inside and outside. Dull pimply
skin is an aftermath of winter inactiv-
ity. Flush your intestines with a mild
laxative and clean out the accumulat-
ed wastes, easy to take, they do not
gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will
clear your complexion and brighten
your eyes. Try Dr. King's New Life
Pills tonight and throw off the slug-
gish winter shell. At druggists, 25c.

Who Is The Silent Menace?

ALMA WINS FIRST OF
THE M. I. A. A. GAMES

Hard Fought Battle With Hills-
dale Results in 2 to 1 Score
in Alma's Favor.

In a game featured by few hits,
close decisions and speed, Alma men
demonstrated their superiority over
the downstaters. Although the day
was very cold both teams played a
fine type of ball.

"Eddie" Johnston, with his old-time
form, was in the box for Alma. He
allowed only four hits, which he kept
well scattered. In the ninth inning
Hillsdale sent in two pinch hitters.
The first "Eddie" struck out for a
hit. Johnston walked Collins in the
eighth, but had good control the rest
of the game.

Ringle pitched a good game for the
downstaters, Helmer's heavy hitters
were able to get only seven hits, but
these they bunched netting two
scores. Ringle walked two of Alma's
men. With Hoolihan and Simenton
on bases in the second frame, he
walked M. Smith, and again in the
first of the third, he walked Ardis.

Some mighty close decisions were
made by umpire, "Chief" Nevitt.
Hoolihan made home by a neat slide,
but just in the nick of time. Hebert
was called out at second on a close
decision, also Boyne at home and
Hoolihan at first. Hoolihan put Alma
in the lead in the second by steal-
ing home when the Baptists were try-
ing to tap M. Smith out between first
and second. Gleason tied the score in
the sixth, but Fitch put Alma in the
lead again in the sixth.

Lineup:

Hillsdale.	A.B.H.R.S.B.E.
Kysler, s. b.	0 0 0 0
Ringle, p.	0 0 0 0
Sherman, l. f.	0 0 0 0
Wallace, 1st b.	2 0 0 2
Cahow, c. f.	0 0 0 0
Cray, r. f.	1 0 1 1
Gleason, 2d b.	1 1 0 1
Converse, 3d b.	0 0 0 0
Collins, c.	0 0 0 0
Adams, c. f.	1 0 0 0
Parker	0 0 0 0
Totals	4 1 1 5

Alma.

A.B.H.R.S.B.E.	
Hebert, 3d b.	2 0 0 0
Boyne, s. b.	0 0 1 0
Fitch, c.	2 1 0 0
Hoolihan, c. f.	1 1 1 0
Johnston, p.	0 0 0 0
Simenton, 2d b.	1 0 0 0
M. Smith, 1st b.	1 0 1 0
N. Smith, l. f.	0 0 0 0
Ardis, r. f.	0 0 0 0
Totals	7 2 2 0

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